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Raborn meritorious choice for CIA chief

President Johnson could have searched a long time and not found a better man to direct the Central Intelligence Agency than retired Admiral William F. Raborn.

The Texan, known as "Red" to his intimates, has tackled many a tough job and performed them all well. He is best known for developing the Navy's fleet ballistic missile program. What Admiral Rickover did with nuclear submarines, Admiral Raborn did with the Polaris missile which they carry. Each of the nation's many nuclear submarines packs more punch in its Polaris missiles than all the bombs dropped by both sides during World War II.

He retired from the Navy late in 1963 after serving as deputy chief of naval operations for 18 months. During his career he had served on battleships, destroyers and aircraft carriers. He became a naval aviator in 1934.

Following retirement the brilliant scientist has been vice-president and program manager of Aerojet General Corp. of Pasadena, Cal.

His wife, the former Mildred Terrill, is from Baytown and the Raborns

vote there. They have many friends in Houston and throughout the state.

The President also announced the nomination of Richard M. Helms, deputy director for plans at CIA, as the new deputy director. Helms, a former newspaperman, served in the Navy during World War II on assignment to the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of CIA. He has been with Central Intelligence since 1947.